



The Call To Be Fishers of Men

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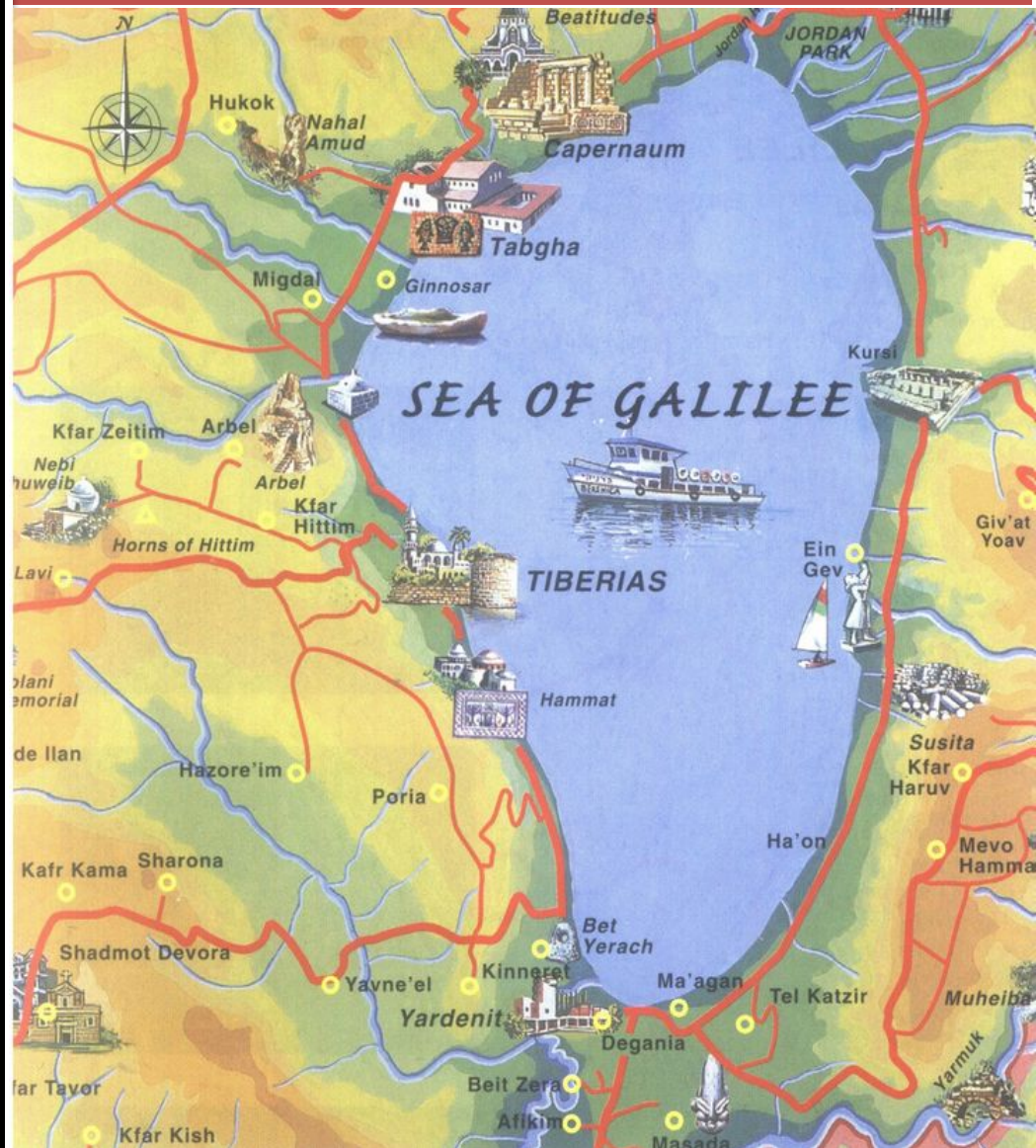
¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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"I will make you become fishers of men."

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- Followers of Jesus are fishers of men. (Mk. 1:17-18; Lk. 19:10)
- Immediacy to the mission. Life is uncertain (Jas. 4:13-14; Jn. 9:4).
- Satan and sin are the enemies. (Eph. 2:1-2; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 1:16)
- Heaven and Hell are in the balance. (Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:7-9)
- Embrace -- seize the opportunities. (Col. 4:3; Jn. 4:34-35; Acts 8:30)
- Responsibility is sobering. (Ezek. 3:17-21; Acts 20:26-27)
- Our love for the lost motivates us. (Matt. 22:36-40; Mk. 10:21)
- Fear of God motivates as well. (II Cor. 5:10-11; Eccl. 12:13)
- Mark of a N.T. Christian. (Acts 8:1-4; 15:35)
- Every Christian has a part in seeking the lost. (Matt. 24:14-30)
- Need to think in terms of individuals, names. (Mk. 15:15-16)